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PSYCHIC ACTIVITY

From the Notes of
Geo. W. Wiggs, written down
by M.L.

Is it wrong to contend that we should not all see things alike? This is only true of individuals but when we have attained to the Universal, we will contain all of the elements, so that we will be able to see from all points of view with equal ease, hence a partial view is only a stage in our evolution and is not to be taken as final. While this is true it is not to be understood that the individual is to be censured for his inability to see from the universal point.

All great teachers have condemned all forms of psychic practices. The psychic communication with the Astral World, or all psychic activity through the Astral Body, is in the nature of communications with those powers that are in rebellion against Heaven; hence such communications are prohibited.

The true Mystic has ever sought the Truth through the intellect, and this is the real functioning of the Soul on the Path and is therefore the correct one.

This also explains the war against sensation that is so powerful a factor in the training of a real student seeking Truth.

As the sensations are through the body and the astral, they must, necessarily, be under control ere the seeker can hope to attain to enlightenment. The super-sentient life is the life of the soul under guidance of Heaven.

Whatever depends upon feeling is of the lower order and that which depends upon judgment is of the higher, or heavenly order. The use of discipline in spiritual training is to save the student from the danger of being engulfed by the Astral, as it is absolutely necessary for the body, as well as the Astral, to be disciplined, so that it will obey the soul, and in this way only, can one be brought under the dominion of the Gods of Heaven. The rampant sexuality and crimes that have been observed during recent years, is the result of the Astral and mundane powers seeking in this way to get such a firm hold on the people, that they will be able to dominate them and in this way prevent their returning through the Soul, to the service of Heaven.

Now, if the Earth through a separation of the Astral world from the Soul world, was isolated from the realms above, would not this bring about the very fallen condition that all religions have claimed was the state of the Earth? And would not the salvation of the world be nothing more, nor less, than the reuniting of the Astral to the Soul World? Remember the Ancients called the Soul World, Heaven, and hence the fall from Heaven would be nothing else than the separation of the Astral

World from the Soul World, in the vibratory sense that I am here speaking of.

The titanic struggles which we are witnessing at this time, are not the efforts of Evil to overthrow the Good, but rather the struggles of the Heavenly Powers to overthrow the evil that is on Earth now, and to recover possession of the world. It is the force of the Divine Good seeking to establish a new reign.

It was in this way that the upheavals of Nature were brought about, and the cataclysms that have resulted, have shaken the earth in a way that it is difficult for any one to conceive of.

Does not this show how that the whole creation is groaning and travailing in pain while waiting for their redemption?

What are phenomena? The activities of the active force which we are unable to recognize and hence through the limitation of our senses, form an erroneous conclusion of them, taking them for what they seem to us to be, instead of what they really are.

The only distinction between noumena and phenomena is that the former are things as they are and the latter are the same things as they seem--hence the phenomena are real only we do not see them in their true character.

Life and form are two aspects of the same thing. The rhythm in vibration is the life side and as in fact the activity of the Spirit and this rhythm in the nature of things must organize a form, which is the natural expression of itself.

There can be no activity without the resultant form and this form is the instrument of that activity, hence active life cannot exist apart from a form. If there is no form there can be no spiritual activity. It is true that change is ever going on in the life side and therefore a corresponding change must take place in the form side. The trouble is when the form is not changed and thus the manifestation of the life is limited. Organization must, therefore, be a means unto the more perfect manifestation of the Spirit and when it is, the Spirit is able to perfect its operations and not otherwise.

SPRING'S ADVENT

by Millie Lukes

From out the silence of Ancient Past
Come signs foretelling of something vast;
The movement of change sweeps o'er all things,
As the pageant march of Heaven swings
Into a rhythm, joyous and free,
And Nature responds in ecstasy.

In wonder of loveliness supreme,
 Some unseen sculptor molding his dream
 From the shifting mass of clouds that sweep
 O'er the Heaven's blue, in billowed heap,
 Sees in the image that he has wrought,
 The spring-like mood of a fleecy thought.

Beauty is smiling everywhere
 And sounds of melody fill the air;
 Every flower its sweetness knows
 And the wind its essence thither blows,
 Till the atmosphere is one sweet scent
 And we are aware of Spring's advent.

Whilst marveling at the master art,
 Its warmth and color thrill the heart,
 As we see the lovely forms that grace
 Each nook and corner, every place,
 And where our hearts with flowers entwine,
 We feel the touch of something divine.

CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM versus GNOSTICISM.

from the Unpublished Works of
 Dr. A.S.Raleigh
 (continued from March SESAMUMS)

That these treatises are here and there dropping suggestions which are unconsciously taken up by the mind and developed into opinions altogether subversive of the true faith.

Christos means the Anointed One. It was used by the Heathen Gnostics as the name for one whose Spirit had been anointed with the Universal Spirit. Again, it was employed as the term to indicate one whose Spirit, as the Higher Self, was guiding and illumining his lower self, hence anointing it. The anointing by the Universal Spirit was the highest mystery known to the Heathens.

Now in the literal meaning of the word, the Hebrew Messiah, is the exact equivalent of the Greek Christos, meaning the Anointed One, but in Jewish theology it meant the one anointed with the Divine Spirit. Jesus was this Anointed one; hence the Christians, when speaking of Messiah, included in the term all that He was and is; that is, the Eternal fully manifested in the flesh and the mediatorial work which He is performing. In fact, He represented to their consciousness the entire key to the Divine Mysteries; whereas, Christos represented the consummation of the Natural Mysteries to the Greeks.

But when the Christians began to use the Greek language, they translated Messiah into Christos, its literal equivalent

and at the same time transformed to Christos all of the mysticism belonging to the name Messiah and did not accept anything connected with Christos, as used by the Greek Mystics. It makes all the difference in the world whether Christos is used by one understanding the Divine Mysteries, or one only understanding the false gnosis, as to the meaning to be attached to the term.

Works written by those who have no understanding of the Divine Gnosis and who do not know considerable of the Natural Gnosis, but try to explain the Divine Gnosis by the light of the Natural, are very misleading. The truth of the Natural and the Divine Mysteries must reveal the confusion which has ever attended the uniting of the two into one. They must ever be recognized as two distinct systems and yet kept in perfect harmony.

Gnosticism did not accept any of the Canonical Gospels but only followed the Pistis Sophia. Hence the Gnostics were not followers of the disciples of Christ in any sense whatever, but were an independent sect, who realized their teaching was not in the New Testament, and therefore they had to write a gospel of their own.

It is often claimed that the Gospel of St. John was a Gnostic production, but they never recognized it and it is not in accordance with their teachings in any sense whatsoever. Furthermore, four of the Pauline Epistles are directed against their teachings with such force that many critics have contended that they are not authentic but were forged later on for the specific purpose of attacking the Gnosis as they in hundreds of places are little short of a refutation of the doctrines of the Gnosis. It is contended that the Gnosis arose in the Second Century and that these Epistles could not have been called out until it had become a power in the theological field. Now this is wrong, for why should not Paul, having the prophetic vision, be able to see what was coming and write a letter which would show the heretical nature of the Gnosis before it was really taught, so that the Mystics would be able to see its false character as soon as it was put forth. It is evident that Paul and John were writing to combat these views.

As to the Hymn of the Robe of Glory, if one separates from it all thought of Christian Mysticism and realizes he is reading an account of the Drama of the Soul, showing its ultimate triumph over the lower nature, and the attainment of the complete union with God, and if he realizes that it is to attain this state as an individualization that the Spirit descends into matter, well and good, but if he thinks he is reading an esoteric description of the work of Jesus Christ, it could never be more misleading.

In the sense in which the term Christ is employed in Christian Mysticism, it has no reference to the Human Spirit. It is the state when one is the complete individualization of the character and will of IHVH, when the Divine Union reached the state of complete realization, so that the man is God manifest in the flesh.

Now a Christ Child is one who is in the forming, one who is growing into this state. When does one begin to evolve the Christ Life? Not until after he has involved it and this involution begins at the time of his union with Jesus Christ. Had He never have come into the world, there never could have been a Christ Child. No child in the physical sense is a Christ Child. It is not true to say that we are Christ children in an undeveloped state, for there is no Christed embryo in one until the time of his union with Christ. The Christ is on the Sixth Octave, while the Human Spirit is on the Fifth Octave.

The ground principle of the Christian Religion is the Death and Resurrection of Christ. This is taught in the Mysteries precisely the same as in the Exoteric Doctrine, only in the Mysteries the reason for the Crucifixion is made plain to the understanding of the Disciple, whereas, in the Exoteric Teaching, it must be taken as Faith. The true mystic is always extremely orthodox.

Now the theology of the Gnostic Crucifixion is the reverse of this, teaching as it does that the Death of Christ was not real. The Death of Christ is the central point of the Mysteries, for without it, He could never have reached the place where He could have become divine and therefore union with Him would not have brought man to God.

Now it is advisable that the mystery of the soul should be taught, but not that Christian Mysticism should be dragged down to the level of the Natural Mysteries and that Christ the Saviour should become a mere symbol of the Soul of Man. The Life of Christ is a Drama which is to teach the Mysteries, and I believe that every statement made in the Gospels actually transpired. God is able to have a drama acted out in real life and He did in this instance.

Christ lived a life that teaches the mystery of Regeneration; however, it has no relation to the evolution of the soul. It teaches the evolution of the Divine Nature. It is the Divine Mysteries and not the Natural Mysteries that are acted out by Christ.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is the fact that the Gnostics and the Christian Mystics differed in the fundamental issue of the Redemption. The Gnosis teaches that the evil from which we are to be freed, is the incarnation in form, while the Christian Mystics teach that the evil is the fact that the human spirit is out of tune with God; hence if we restore the original union, man can attain unto the state of perfection while in form and if this spiritual union is not restored, he will never be saved by leaving the form. The distinction is, therefore, fundamental. One party holds that existence in form is per se evil, and the pure spiritual state per se good, hence the throwing off of the body is the greatest possible gain, while the other holds that the evil is not in the body but in the spirit and thus that a free spirit without any of the lower vehicles will be just as much of a sinner and will require salvation just as much as a man living in the body.

The Natural and Divine Mysteries are two separate and distinct systems of Mysticism. In one the Esoteric Nature of the Kosmos is taught in all its completeness without teaching anything about the Absolute; while in the other the essence of the Absolute, His relation to man, and the Universe, and the way by which man may attain Union with Him through Christ was taught, though very little is said relative to the constitution of Nature.

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IN MEMORIAM

Two Friends.

There is nothing more beautiful in life than real friendship, real comradeship. In the passing last Spring of our dear friend, Geo. W. Wiggs, there was a vacancy in our hearts, but the precious memory that He left with us, grows brighter and dearer each day.

On March 2nd, 1939, just as the glorious rays of the setting sun illumined the sky, the spirit of a dear friend of Mr. Wiggs, took its flight and Delmar DeForest Bryant, poet and philosopher, bade his farewell and hastened to take his place among the stars.

Mr. Bryant was an author of wide repute and a musician of note. He had devoted nearly his entire life to study and writing of books on philosophy and religion. Nine of his books were published 25 years ago. His three better known works are the TEN DIVINE SYMBOLS, THE ART OF ALCHEMY and THE LIGHT OF LIFE, all of which are now rare and much sought. As a scholar and author he was as well known in India and far countries as here.

In the early part of his career Mr. Bryant distinguished himself as a teacher of mathematics, music, languages and philosophy and for many years gave his entire attention to the teaching of Occult Sciences and Literature.

And versatile that he was, Mr. Bryant did more than play the piano and write prose. He had a delightful touch for poetry, perhaps an inherited trait, as he was a cousin of William Cullen Bryant, the New England poet.

Mr. Bryant was a member of a prominent Kansas City family. He would have been 81 years old on April 30th, 1939. Two decades ago he knew world-wide fame as a lecturer and writer on philosophy and religion. He always said of all the degrees

conferred upon him, he prized most those given him by the Academy of Experience and the College of Hard Knocks. He was laid to rest at Kincaid, Kansas.

Many were the happy hours that these two philosophers, George Wiggs and Delmar Bryant, spent together. Each one possessed a ready and smiling humour. In thought and dreams they rode Pegasus, and drank from the font of Inspiration. They lived in the Eternal and the nine Muses were their daily companions. The Heavens was their habitat and doubtless today, these two, are treading the beaten path on Mount Olympus.

Mr. Bryant wrote a tribute to his friend George Wiggs, three days before he passed and handing it to his wife, stated, "It might just as well be for us both," and in several days the Veil was drawn for Delmar DeForest Bryant, and so in giving this tribute, as many of Mr. Wiggs' friends personally knew Mr. Bryant, shall we say, as he had expressed to his wife, that it is indeed to both.

IN MEMORIAL
to

GEORGE and DELMAR

Only yesteryear, thou movedst in our midst,
Vigorous in body, in faculties keen;
Rejoicing in life, inspired with ambition,
Speaking kind words, aiding with counsel wise,
Cheering the lonely, dispensing rare gifts,
Consecrated to Justice, to Love and to Truth.

Today hath befallen a strange mystery,
Like the lightning from out the clear sky;
Before us thou liest motionless, serene, cold,
Thy pallid lips are mute, thine eyelids closed,
Perhaps thou wert tired and fell thus asleep,
Perhaps if we watch thou wilt waken again.

Ah! weary the waiting and hopeless the hope,
The casket is empty, the jewel is gone,
We mourn in distress, no comfort we find,
Till a voice whispers, "Peace, look beyond!"
"So precious a jewel, so perfect a gem,
Is reset above in the midst of the Great Diadem."

"It will shine resplendent in some beauteous star,
 We will sense its rare brilliance, and know it afar;
 Some bosom that yearneth for love and for light,
 Will worship that star on some glorious night,
 Drawing its spirit to earth from the Heavens above,
 Giving a soul its rebirth, O miracle of Love."

Blest in thy ascensions, (O George and Delmar)
 And blest in the fall,
 We await for thy coming, Thakorelal.

KABBALISH

by Theresa Snyder
 (continued)

NETZACH AND HOD:

The descending currents of spiritual vitality, the positive from Geburah and the negative from Chesed, pass diagonally to Netzach and Hod, respectively and in so doing they cross each other in Tiphareth. In doing so, also, they establish four paths, or fields of operation, or of reaction between themselves and Tiphareth.

In this crossing or re-crossing of currents, just as Chokmah became positive to Binah, so Geburah is positive to Chesed and Netzach is positive to Hod. Not, therefore, that on the right side of the Tree there are two positives and one negative. This has a special significance. In a rough way, the positive current seems to be from Kether thru Chokmah, Geburah and Netzach to Yesod, and the course of the negative is from Kether thru Binah, Chesed and Hod to Yesod. But this is all not quite accurate, for one of these sets is seen to be entirely positive to the other when comparing their individual Sephiroth--each to each--in their respective pairs.

They constitute the plane of mind that deals with desire. There are two forms of mind that are mental; the others belong to the instinctive portion of the soul, the desire for which is Yesod. The two forms are the desire to possess for possession's sake, the centre for which is Netzach; and the desire for display, whose centre is Hod. Wherefore, they extract from the down-flowing currents of spiritual vitality the aptitudes and attributes which manifest as such. The forces of one give rise to selfishness in all of its forms; those of the other give rise to vanity and pride in all of their various species. In Yesod are located all those inferior forces that regulate what is commonly called vitality; they are all instinctive and not associated with self-consciousness, until they begin to operate with Hod and Netzach. The souls of the highest

animals have a perfect Yesod and are beginning to manifest an embryonic form of self consciousness.

Astrologically, Netzach's planet is Venus; it should follow from this that the qualities relate to Love, Victory and to the Harvest. Venus is the Lady of Love and Beauty with the power of bestowing her beauty and charm on others. The whole implication of this Sephira is of love but love of a sexual nature. Rose is the flower of this Sephira and Red Sandal the perfume. Benzoin is a perfume of Venus also.

The Sephir Yetzirah calls Netzach "THE OCCULT INTELLIGENCE", its colour is Green, derived from the union of the blue and yellow of Chesed and Tiphareth.

Hod, Splendour, the Sphere of Mercury. All of its symbols are Mercurial in quality. It will be helpful to the student if he remembers that the sphere of Hod represents on a very much lower plane similar qualities to those obtaining in Chokmah.

Of Netzach and Hod, the seventh and eighth Sephiras, the Zohar soliloquizes that by Victory and Splendour is meant extension, multiplication and force; because all of the forces which were born in the universe went out of their bosom.

Hod's plant is Moly, and its vegetable drug Anhalonium Lewinii, which causes, when taken internally, colour rings, and of an intellectual nature, enhancing self-analysis. Its perfume is Storax and its jewel is the Opal; its colour is orange, derived from the Red of Begurah and the Yellow of Tiphareth. Its Yetsiratic title being THE ABSOLUTE OR PERFECT INTELLIGENCE.

MEDITATION ON NETZACH:

Living from that Will, supported by its unfailing Wisdom
and Understanding, mine is the Victorious Life.

MEDITATION ON HOD:

I look forward with confidence to the perfect realization
of the Eternal Splendour of the Limitless Light.

Repeat 7 times, each time emphasizing underlined words.

YESOD:

Netzach and Hod result in Yesod, the Foundation, completing the series of Three Triads. According to Elphaz Levi and Madame Blavatsky, Yesod is the Astral Plane, which being passive and reflecting the energies from above, is Lunar even as the Moon reflects the Light from the Sun.

The Astral Light is an omnipresent and all-permeating fluid or medium of extremely subtle matter, or substance in a highly tenuous state, magnetic in constitution, which is the model upon which the physical world is built. The Zohar tells us that "Everything shall return to its foundation from which it proceeded. All marrow, seed and energy are gathered in this place. Hence all the potentialities that exist go out through this."

The general conception of Yesod is change with stability. Some refer to Yesod as the Soul of the World. Jung calls it The Collective Unconscious. Its perfume is Jasmine, also a sexual excitant; the plants are Mandrake and Damiana. The colour is purple. Its Sepher Yetsirah title is THE PURE OR CLEAN INTELLIGENCE.

According to occult tradition the Moon is a dead, yet living body, whose particles are full of active and destructive life and is of potent, magical power. We shall study this Sephira later when we enter upon the deeper study of the Paths.

DAATH:

We have now to describe one more Sephira, which has been spoken of as a pseudo- or false Sephira. This latter manifests after the unfoldment of Chesed and Geburah have made considerable progress. It is not usually shown on the simple forms of the Tree, because it is not met with until evolution is far advanced; it is not really an emanation; however, when it does appear, it acts in a manner somewhat similar to the real Sephiroth, which explains its qualification by the prefix pseudo-.

When placed on the Tree, it is shown on the Path of Gimel and in such a position that the Paths of Gimel, Heh, and Zayin pass through it. It is normally shown as the centre point of the rectangle formed by Chokmah-Binah and Chesed and Geburah. All of these points are of great symbolic importance, for the destiny of the developing Tiphareth is to rise along the Path of Gimel, and occupy the position temporarily held by Daath, which thereupon disappears.

Daath is sometimes spoken of as a window through which the Light of the Supernal Triad illumines the human consciousness.

MALKUTH:

Malkuth--the Kingdom, is the universe, entire creation, the work and mirror of God, the proof of supreme reason. Pendant to the system of three Triads, and synthesizing all the former numbers is Malkuth, the tenth Sephira. The world of four elements, matter in its entirety, and all the forms perceived by our five senses, summing up in crystallization the former nine digits or series of ideas.

Isaac Myer suggests that Malkuth is considered by Kaballists as the executive energy or power of Binah, the Holy Spirit, or the Upper Mother. The Zohar implies that the real Divine Presence is allocated to Binah, whence it never descends, but that the Shechinah in Malkuth is a Daughter of the Great Supernal Mother. The Sepher Yetsirah denominates Malkuth as THE RESPLENDENT INTELLIGENCE.

Malkuth is the material universe, the kingdom of matter composed of Fire, Water, Air and Earth. It is really the manifestation of God in matter, the material aspect of the Creator

and the reflection of His Spirit in the World in which we live. Its perfume is Dittany of Crete, because of the heavy clouds of dense smoke given off by this incense. Its colours are Citrine, Olive, Russet and Black.

MEDITATION ON MALKUTH:

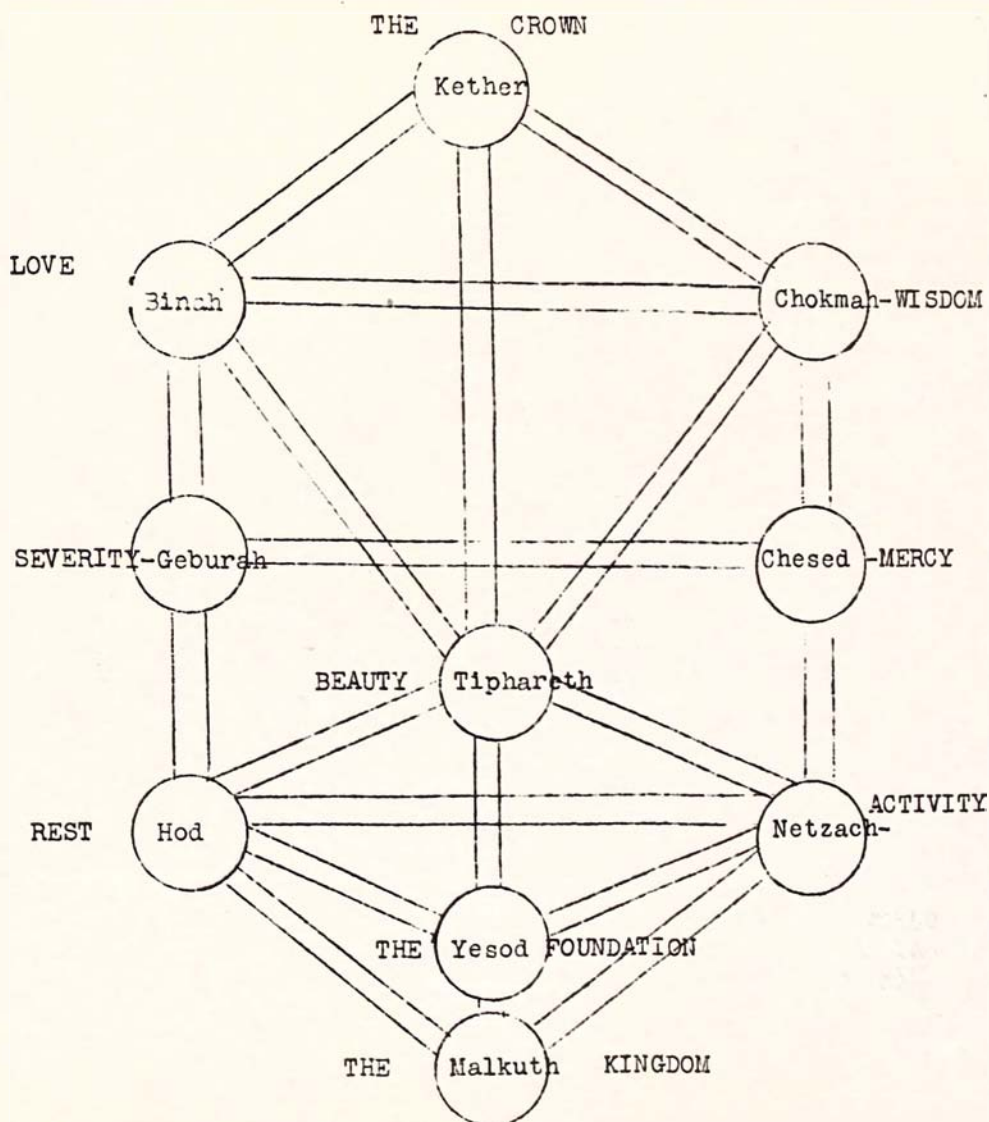
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS EMBODIED IN MY FLESH.

MEDITATION ON YESOD:

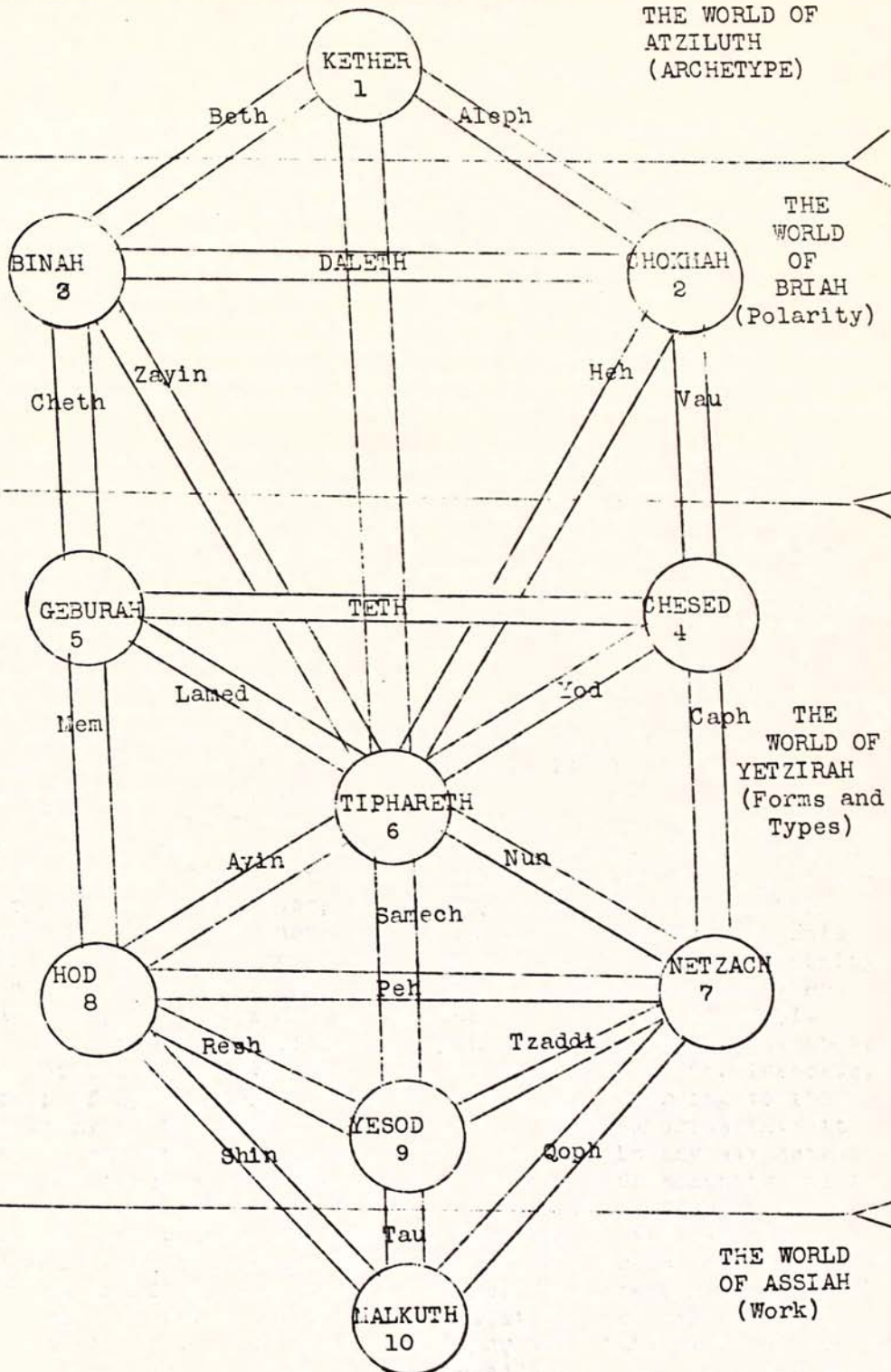
In thought and word and deed, I rest my life. from day to day, upon the sure Foundation of the Eternal Being.

LO, I GUIDE THEE ALL THE WAY, REST THOU IN ME.

(Three charts of the TREE OF LIFE are appended:)



THE TREE OF LIFE: SEPHIROTH and PATHS.
Also the FOUR WORLDS.








THE EASTER CROSS

by Olga Steers

Easter should mean reverence for newly awakened life. In the spring, nature is quickening to the higher rays of the sun, unfolding to a new expression after its life currents have been congealed by a long, frigid winter climate. Likewise, Easter should mean the worship of a risen Lord, not the worship of a saviour dying upon a cross. All life manifests upon the cross of duality, spirit and matter, fire and water, active and passive, masculine and feminine, positive and negative.

All nature, from the atom to the constellation, and from protoplasm to chromosome, is revealed as the result of the interaction of dual forces, a nucleus with counter-force surrounding.

The cross is one of the oldest symbols known to mankind. In one of the most ancient manuscripts, the "Book of Dzyan", from which many of the older countries derived their sacred scriptures, there is given a key to the universe in symbols. The first, the circle, , represents infinite space. The next, the dot in the circle, , represents the first differentiation in space, the neumenon of manifestation. In the next, the dot has elongated into a line within the circle, , symbolizing Mother-Nature within the absolute infinitude. When the horizontal line is intersected by the vertical line, , the mundane cross appears,--humanity as we know it in its origin of the perfect Third Root-race. It also means the sexes have been separated.

When the cross has no circumference, , man has fallen into matter; the fourth Root-race has evolved. Thus the cross antedates the flood. It appears in the ancient Mystery teachings; in the initiations, the neophyte was placed upon the cruciform couch and there he lay in a trance until the sun's rays fell directly across and awakened him to his own divinity as a son of the Sun. For six centuries after the Christian era began, the cross did not appear as a Christian symbol.

The crucifixion of Jesus may have been gleaned from these old initiation dramas, for upon the authority of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Jesus lived to an old age according to the testimony of the Apostles themselves. Other stories have it that he was stoned to death. This does not in any way detract from the immense sacrifice of His life to lift humanity and to serve and aid all forms of life. Before each of us lies the task of living upon the cross of materiality as never before. China is upon the cross; Spain is upon the cross; the people of Germany and Italy are upon the cross; Civilization hangs upon the cross of going on or of being lost in the whirlstrom of chaotic forces. Will Good prevail or will this cycle of civilization end in destruction, Nature adjusting us for a new round?

Our hope lies in the great movements to bring humanity into a oneness, which every Saviour has envisioned. There are many lovely organizations which are sacrificing all to the expression of common Brotherhood. Cooperation is the key-note; the uniting of the spiritual forces is the greatest power for Good which the planet has. Let each one of us be alert, be self-sacrificing, be cooperative to the highest degree. Living to the uppermost of our capacities is demanded of every true son of God.

The Rose Crucified is the beautiful symbol of this manner of living, as used symbolically by the Rosicrucians.

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I WOULD NOT DIE

by Helen Gustine Fuller

As long as the same stars shine for us,
 Silent there in the sky;
 As long as the Spring comes for both of us,
 E'en though you are not nigh;
 As long as this world holds the two of us,
 I would not die.

THE POET'S CORNER

by H. Alvin Burk

Poetry is one of the most important constructive agents available to man. Through its use, man may be lifted out of the ordinary and commonplace, into the realm of Beauty, Harmony and Wisdom. If we will but pause to investigate, we will observe that most of the great books of wisdom that have lived down the ages have been written in verse. And who shall say that the majestic cadence of this verse has not been just as important as the words and thoughts presented.

Goethe says, "In poetry, only the really great and pure advance us, and this exists as a second nature, either elevating us to itself or rejecting us." In other words, poetry works through us, building within our vehicles powerful, harmonious vibrations that enable us to accomplish greater work than we might otherwise be able to do.

Often we say that a poem is inspiring. That is exactly correct. We draw to ourselves the vibrant force and spirit of the poetry to which we are attracted and are greatly enriched thereby.

Said Sarona: "Show me one wicked man who has written poetry, and I will show you where his poetry is not poetry; or, rather, I will show you in his poetry, no poetry at all." Naturally, those who are so filled with life and light and con-

structive force have found it necessary to eliminate all destructive elements from within their being. True poetry is ever constructive and helpful and is at its best when written down by those who are pure in heart. It is easier for a babe to destroy than for a true poet to use his powers destructively.

MERCURY

by F. Techt

Mercury is double and it is very hard to control its influences. Mercury is the opposite of Jupiter and we find that as Jupiter is expansion, so Mercury is contraction. Mercury shows the same face to us always, while the side towards the Sun we never see. The meaning of it is that the inner life, we never show to others. Our secret thoughts we do not tell but only that which we want others to know. That is how lies originate and Mercury is an expert liar. Mercury rules the brain, only partly. Mercury rules our bowels, arms, hands, thoughts and speech.

Mercury controls our physical and mental labor. That is why thinking takes out of men as much as common labor. Not to become a nervous wreck, we must perform both, thinking with our heads and laboring with our hands. The person who only thinks and performs no labor by hands becomes a nervous wreck and finally, we find him in a sanitarium. A person who labors and does not enough thinking becomes a brute and can be influenced by agitators who cause so much trouble to society. As Mercury's forces are double, so we must use both forces equally or balance them, so as to strengthen our nerves.

Humanity suffers more through nervous troubles than any other disease. We are happy one minute and in sorrow or disappointment the next. The cause of all this is that we are living only in the material consciousness. Real faith is not understood by many. Even the churches teach a belief. Do not think that a belief can ever save humanity from the chaos we produce and live in. It is pitiful for those who know truth to see their fellowmen suffer such untold agonies because men think they know the material world, which is only change, and only believe in a God, but are not taught to know God. The people who are such in their dealings with others that they accumulate untold wealth and in a way are great, never the men who are laboring for them, who receive the pittance to merely exist,--such is the judgment of the world. So long as we recognize such philosophy as truth, Humanity must suffer and no prayer can help.

Mercury ruling our bowels, indicates the necessity of keeping them clear of obstruction. Both labor and thinking rely upon the efficient functioning of our bowels. Actually, we think with our bowels. There are vapors that ascend to the brain and make us happy or sad, as for example, when a person gets drunk, and the spirits ascend from the stomach to the

brain and we are not ourselves, but a person strange to the self. When we find the intestinal tract is obstructed, we become what we call blue and irritable; our brain is befogged and we are as if drunk. Headaches are caused very often in this way. The study of this part of the body will often locate the cause of nervous ailments, as well.

Mercury rules liars and lying and nobody can claim to be in perfect health who tells lies. Uranus who rules truth and blood cannot work and maintain in health a liar. One who chronically lies, obstructs the free movement of the blood through the veins, because of fear of being found out and thus becomes a nervous wreck.

Mercury being dual, shows that two roads run parallel and those who are nervous should find a way to combine them into one road with Uranus. We let our thoughts run in two directions, back and forth, and every one knows we cannot walk back and forth at the same time, without inviting confusion, at least.

Mercury rules common sense and the opposite to wisdom, philosophy, religion and law. Common sense is used in all material business and that is why no business can be stable for ever, for it is sometimes good, sometimes bad; yet people rely on just such unstable things for life.

Mercury, the swift, is the teacher in our inner life and Earth in our material existence. When we deal in material things, the forces of Mercury are let loose beyond the Venus forces and balance does not prevail. We can by meditation, draw back those Mercury forces and give them renewed strength, after the outer labors are over.

Mercury is Thought
Learn what cannot be bought
Do not rely
On what you can buy.

HAPPINESS

Its Individual Demonstration

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There are several strange factors in connection with happiness. For one thing, there is no such thing as an objectively definite and lasting happiness in life. And by a paradoxical condition, desirable conditions and things flee from the one who pursues them, and doggedly follows those who do not seek them. Some people are entirely (by constitution) incapable of happiness, and the largest number of happy people are found most frequently in narrow, laborious, ill-paid professions.

And, strangely enough, the dynamic, creative type of mind never asks for happiness; indeed, hardly if ever thinks of it at all. Only the static, passive nature habitually concerns himself with his happiness. Life is simple only to those of uncomplicated development. As the dynamic, creative type disavows any static condition at any time, he finds the greatest happiness in and through his work activity. Every worker (and only the workers are important in the world, declared the Buddha) rises above the masses as he is constantly renewing (changing in the larger sense) his interests in life. The creative workers do not thus ask for personal happiness--they renounce it only to find it.

It is said that few men can stand liberty and prosperity. Perhaps fewer still can stand any amount of happiness. The psychically deformed may not even appreciate, with Buddha, that eternal bliss is man's ultimate goal,--that joy is the highest inner condition.

If happiness is to be defined, it is the highest degree of realized equilibrium in man. But man can never have this realization on material planes of consciousness.

All progress presupposes an inner dissatisfaction, the very basis of the urge forward. In the material plane, too auspicious external circumstances, therefore, are not conducive to psychological health. The rich, and otherwise abundantly blessed, are notorious for their unhappiness, for by their yearnings and disappointments--even though they be self-created--and the hard but unmeaning work they do, they continue to restore their psychic equilibrium. The psychically weak put themselves into a state of equilibrium by certain forms of excitement,--as for instance the modern "jitter-bug" balances his mechanized and dulling industrial life.

There is an old Proverb to the effect that if one laughs too loudly early in the day, he will cry before nightfall. This is only a simple statement of the balance of the forces which the occult student seeks in a state of mental equilibrium between both happiness and unhappiness. Therein lies the only balanced, happy experience in life.

Like all things of a higher order which can only be based upon the renunciation of the lower,--happiness, complete, definite and permanent,--can only be founded on an active use of balanced Power within himself, power operating on a certain high level entirely separate from all lower level manifestations.

The way to be happy is not to be happy. As every action has its reaction in like degree and intensity, the person who permits himself an "emotional jag" will find the unchanging Law exacting a balance from him on the other side of the emotional ledger. Only the person who consciously disciplines himself in the maintenance of a balanced emotional expression will be permanently SATISFIED with life, though of necessity in this balance he will be neither happy (in the ordinary sense) or unhappy.

FIVE POEMS

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HUMILITY---

Eternal Spirit, may I ever be
More self-forgetful--reverent to Thee.
In You I find my universe complete
In ordered rhythm--like the measured beat
Of Cosmic drums! At every point in space
And time you are, though spacelessness you face,
And timelessness you are. I trust in you.
You shall command my thoughts and make them true.
That I may love all things the more and know
That you are in them all--above--below.

THE GIFT OF LIFE--

Giver of life, I thank thee for the gift
That thou hast given me. May I ne'er drift
Upon the Sea as does a ship when storm
And wind and wave assail her fragile form.
May I be worthy of the perfect calm
Of thy Indwelling Presence like a psalm
Sung by the host angelic of thy realm,
And know that thou art ever at the helm.

THE TEST OF LIFE---

May I pass every test of life
The days shall bring
And rise to meet the best of life
O Master, King!

Communion I would seek with thee
This be my plea.
That I may ever speak with thee
Let come what may.

And when that final test shall come,
O Lord I plea
That I, your worthy guest, shall come
Triumphant!

WINGED BEAUTY--

Winged Beauty I ensnared today
 With wily net--but O!
 When I beheld its loveliness
 I fain would let it go.

All Beauty which I would possess
 Must lose in that degree
 I seek to bind it to myself--
 So I will set it free.

YOU AND I--

When I can understand myself
 Than I shall know you too;
 For that which is the "I" in me
 Is also "I" in you.

These personalities which hide
 Our inner selves may be
 As varied as creation's forms,
 As moody as the sea;

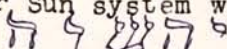
But "I" in you and me remains
 That Principle Divine.
 Thus you and I are, truly, One
 In God's unique design.

ISRAEL ADDRESSES JUDAH

"FISH"

by "A".

The ancestor of Jesus, or Joshua, was Nun, meaning Fish. He said to Matthew, "You stop collecting taxes and become a fisherman," and Matthew learned to throw the net on the Right, not wrong, side, together with the other eleven and caught Fish.

Later it was said to them, "I will make you Fishers of Men." The multitudes were fed by the Master of the Piscean Age, on loaves and fish. While the Solar or Sun system was in the sign Pisces, or the Cross and the Fish, 

or Jesus in Greek, laid the foundation in the 12 with himself as the 13th.

Now let us apply the admonition, "As above, so below", for Fish live in and are activated by water, or Aqua, and water or sea is Mary, Mariam, Mara, and Mem, the eternal female whose queenly mother is Binah in Atziluth.

The connection between the female and the fish becomes very apparent when we consider that the Sun system or Son system has passed into the constellation Aquarius, the water man, who is really then, the Mem-Man or Female of whom Paul says, "She is the mother of us all", and to whom the Master said, "Let us make man in our Image and Likeness." It was not the Son to whom the Father was speaking, for whoever heard of bringing forth children without a Mother?

The highest truism in Assiah representing the Supernal Triad in Atziluth is Male, Female and Offspring.

The command is, "Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long in the Earth", or Body.

The Male and Female rulers of the Aquarian Age will be able to consummate the work of the foundation laid in Pisces or the Piscean Age by the Master of that age and thus combine Fish and Water on a higher level to create, not form, LIFE.

Speaking the end or 6th day of creation from the beginning or first day in Genesis, 1st. chapter, the Master spoke to this 6th day creation, saying: "Have dominion over Fish."

The Piscean Lord chose 12 and himself the 13th, which by gematria equals 4, and Mem, or Mary, has the numerical value of 40 in Hebrew, which is also 4. This 4 equals a square. Thus is the word just spoken proven by a holy and simple Cabalism.

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TIMELY TOPICS

by Lillian Li. Ayres

Headlines pop out in front of us quite often with questions of the day and answers that do not answer anything,--which can only be answered in a metaphysical manner, and which a newspaper would, hence, not print.

In a recent edition of a newspaper, the question of which sex is superior appeared. With all apologies to the successful writer, I only comment on her column with a different approach.

Where does superiority and inferiority begin? Certainly not in the individual, in the accepted sense of the term. We all know that men have been the superior for many centuries, that they have comprised the political, civil and religious life of all nations and that woman's place was the home. We know that in Japan and other countries, woman was inferior and was not supposed to have a Soul and, therefore, had nothing to do with religious matters.

Among the Japanese and Hawaiian singers, the male voices are trained to carry the high notes because the women are not allowed to sing in public. If you look back of things that have become traditions and superstitions, you will find a natural foundation for their existence, and when there is a change in the Cause, the Effect will also change.

The Earth in its great circuit passes through the range of Constellations represented by a Cycle. It takes on the influence or vibration of that Constellation, so for the duration of one Cycle it takes on the vibration of that particular sign of the Zodiac.

As far back as the Cycle of Leo, the masculine element has been the positive pole of manifestation, and, therefore, the masculine vibration permeated the earth and humanity, making man the dominant factor and superior to woman.

The Cycle of Cancer, though feminine, was of a purely physical nature, still leaving the masculine spiritually superior. The succeeding Cycles still left woman on the lower planes with their only expression of a physical nature. It was at this time that the Principle of Soul became almost entirely masculine, thus resulting in the Doctrine of the Soulless Woman. In the Cycle of Aries, the Masculine reached its highest point of Spirituality, the Masculine Will became supreme; woman was relegated to the plane of desire and sex and was not only subservient to man's will, but eager to serve him.

After five Cycles in which Woman had been the negative aspect of the two poles, Pisces awakened in her, at least a place of honor in being a wife and mother. Though feminine, Pisces is more of a gestative Cycle.

Now we come to the Cycle of Aquarius, a purely feminine Cycle. Unlike the Feminine water of Pisces, the Waters of Aquarius pouring from the Vase of Amrita are Heavenly Waters and, therefore, Spiritual. The Feminine vibration of the Constellation of Aquarius is permeating the earth and humanity, awakening Femininity to the glories of her sex as a spiritual function. She is taking her place in the world as an equal and sometimes superior of man, because the Feminine vibration is becoming the Positive Pole of Manifestation.

The girls of today cannot help asserting themselves and taking positions they know they are capable of handling. They are simply reflecting states of activity going on in the Universe and when they startle the elders into saying, "What will become of this generation?" I would like to say: They will set the pace for a humanity that will be free to express their opinions, arrived at through Pure Reason rather than accept traditions and superstitions of past standards,--whose standard of living will be higher, whose Spirituality will be based on knowledge and wisdom and not on fear and speculation, and as the Universe becomes further permeated with the vibration of the Aquarian Spirit, Humanity will acquire a freedom of spirit in

which both masculine and feminine will be superior in Mind and Soul, because the more Spiritual a race becomes, the more nearly they become equal.

If we fear for the future of our young boys and girls, let us console ourselves with the knowledge that they are breaking through the traditions of a passing Cycle.

TO THE MUSES

by Salima

I sat me down to write a verse
An offering befit a beloved Friend
But when in hand I took my pen
The sly little muses fled my ken.

Ah! so like mortals on this earthy plane
You have your pleasure and your pain
Do you seek my love to bind
And worship only at your shrine?

Lest you forget, let Salima remind
That but for Hafiz you would not find
The quarry wherein to dig and mine
Precious material with which to build a shrine

Out into the worlds of density he strode
Seeking fit channels to tune and to prime
Welding those who in harmony blend
A mighty instrument worthy of MAN.

And who has the Key, this instrument to atune
Wherein to recreate your love and your light?
On waves of iridescent light in spiralling love you
take flight
Realizing in Harmony and Beauty your borrowed Life.

Therefore, do not mutiny and sate in strike
Like rebellious children governed in strife
When Salima fittingly her offering would assemble
For Him who keyed her, you to resemble.

"Here's to the one man who sits in every company, who having lost the most of youth, still clings to its ideals and looking back can say to himself that he never practiced idolatry before material success, or refused quick sympathy for honest failure."

THE REMINISCENCE OF NATURE

and Clew to Bible Astrology by the Recess of the Equinoxes,
according to Fluxions....by Edward Postelthwayte Page.

(continued from Feb.)

"Are not 444 half Jesus 888, and 4440 half 8880? As 4440 rated at 30 to 74; so 444 to Helena's 7 years;--but, as 4440 rated at 20, to 74; so 666, to 11. Rather say because of the Toltecans 660, and its half the Chinese 330, or decuple of 33;--as 4440 to 74; so 660 to 11 between 354 and 365, without a remainder. But some said she was 10, not 11. 40 stripes save one, and the lie direct, for every College professor who gainsays this discovery:--but, as the square of 19 is 1 PLUS 360, and 62 are 1 PLUS 8 squared, we will interpret the 5 times 13 orders of English precedency to those who believe and are saved. Pray now, is not Christos 1480 times the Saros 13, this 26640?--and are not 9 times 12, or 108 times 1480, Christ's sons, save 160? Nay, is not the Pada 1440 times the 111 that produce 4995, is it not 6 times this 26640, or 159840 of 160000? Thus 26640 divided by the cycle 60 go 444, but 159840 by 4440, go 36 letters to the Astrologers' alphabet.

So then, 5000 times the 32 compass years described in page 37, Art. 10th, of this work, are revealed, as well as 30 days of draw back in 5 times 32, or 160 years, according to the cycle of EUDOXUS: hence Exodus!--see "CYCLE OF CLESTRATUS."--Multiply Synod's 354 by 160; and divide by the 960 that 24000 years gain at the rate of 2 to 50, and ponder 59. Take 30 from 59, leaves the Synodical 29 in alternation with 30 days to a sacred month.

You see why Helena's age, squared, is JUBILA 49, and not JUBILEE 52. But these 960 lack 9 of Methuselah's age, and exceed 920 by 40, and Adam's age by 30. We have the lever of Archimedes,--the Platonical year to rest it upon, and Plato's bee-hive on our tongue, as it was on his: surely we'll turn the world upside down! Astrology, like one of the great statues of antiquity, is broken into fragments:--each separate limb points to the existence of its animated whole, like Captain Cook's body ere savages cut it in pieces.

In the land of NOD, so odd, sigh O ye SYNOD, and NOD your NODdies ye NODdy NOODles to the Moon's NODE.

Art. 37th. What think ye of the Mexican Century's 52 years. are they not worthy of 33 and 19? Christ is there! By this 52 comes our redemption from the most damnable of all damnable idolatry! As 50 to Meton's Metonic cycle of 27759 years (or days); so this 52,--to 26691, or a JUBILUM PLUS 26640!--Seek their equation: one gives 160 MINUS; the other 148 PLUS 160000 sons of Christ.

The stupendous, and most tremendous fragments of Astrology, gracing orthography, are latent in every mythology in lore of Egypt's priests, the Druids and Freemasonry.

This good old Job of Ur ne'er did err we aver; and is richer this day than he was 1831 years last past. Bryant's MYTHOLOGY shall teach thee the meaning of METONIC in Greek METIS, met, or MEED; which means DIVINE WISDOM. Hence the MEDES' and Persians' laws.

Fater, on the Prophetesies, deems Daniel's 1290 to be years. As 50 to 2 in Mexican 52; so 24000 to 360 or 4 times 240 Brachmanic letters, or 8 times Daniel's 120 princes. Let us penetrate 26640, so Christical, so extremely sabbatical! By intercalating the Mexican 13 days to a year, comes the mystery of 25920 rather than 25000. Ploughing 13, runs it into half 28 as Jesus Xristos runs into Jesus Christos. As 25365 give 25000; so 1 year gives 373 days, or an intercalary 19 added to Synod's 354. But 20 you intercalate to obtain the Sabbatical 144 times 72, or 72 plus 18 times the pada 1440. As 25365 to 26000 caused by the ratio 2 to 50 and 1000 to 25000; so 25992, to 26642. You multiply 25000 by 373, and divide by 360. So do with 374 to get at twice the square of the Koran's 114. Mark, how 19 to 354 is 13 to 360 and 8 to 365.

JUBILA is 49, or 16 add 33; JubILO is 50 or 17 add 33; JubilUM, squeeze his thumb, he's long too MUM, is twedledum, 51 or 18 add 3; but Jubilee, so full of glee, is twedledee, to raise the Grand master Ram, HIRAM from a heap of scholastic rubbish; 52, or 19 add 33! Substance murders no Morgan; types and shadows do. Masons,--anti-masons!--one party wrecked on Scylla, the other on Charybdis. Save your lives. Welcome on board the ship Thought of 33 guns, commanded by Capt. Deep-thinker, and bound to Thought's Church. He keeps the mid-channel, and preserves all the jewels and paraphernalia of his wife Freemasonry in his ship's hold.

So help me Freedom, equal Rights, and 8th of Ezekiel, I, E. P. Page, never took a lodge oath; and never will be, never was a slave-oath Freemason!--Yet I repeat that "Freemasonry is the Science of Sciences."

**** (To be continued.)

We wish to report an error in the last number of SESAMUS: The address at which the book, THE FRATERNITY OF THE BUILDERS, the Masonic compendium by E. Valentia Straiton, an a most excellent one, too, is obtainable c/o the authoress at 345 West 29th Street, New York City, instead of West 39th Street. Our error! Apologies.

Astrologically speaking, Walter J. Bruknus advises us that the WORLD'S FAIR would prosper more completely if the opening hour were set at 12 Noon, instead of 11 A.M., as Mars trine to Neptune, and thus favorably aspected, would, at Noon, fall in the 2d House, and the money would roll in faster. Howsomever, MOST WELCOME TO THE FAIR!
